

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the examiner's amendment filed September 30, 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1 and 4-26 renumber as claims 1-24.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

JEAN M. CORIELUS
PRIMARY EXAMINER

DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is in response to the amendment filed on June 20, 2005, in which claims 1, and 4-26 are presented for further examination.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments filed on 20, 2005 with respect to claims 1 and 4-24 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of last office has been withdrawn.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mark D. Schneider Reg. No. 43,906 on Friday, September 30, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claim

1. (Currently Amended) An event management system for a plurality of users for use in event coordinating, the system being accessible by an event provider and by at least one non-provider user, the at least one non-provider user being from a group of event clients, vendors and suppliers, the system comprising:

a repository having information associated with event management, the repository including a database and having a first access permitting direct access to the repository by only an event provider and a second access permitting limited access to the repository by a non-provider user, said second access including a first digital interface permitting access to the repository by said non-provider user and a restriction component limiting access of said non-provider user to a defined portion of information in the repository, the restriction component including a plurality of unique identification codes, a record having all unique identification codes and a level of access corresponding to each unique identification code and a software interface, the software interface being operable to receive one unique identification code, search the record for the unique identification code, ascertain the level of access corresponding to the unique identification code and limiting access to the information in the database according to the ascertained level of access; and

a device for capturing data and operable to communicate with the repository, said device being operable to be positioned at a remote location and to capture data concerning that location and transmit the captured data to the repository.

4. (Currently amended) The system of claim 3 1, further comprising an access card having one unique identifier number.

5. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the digital interface further comprises permitting modification of the information.

6. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the digital interface further comprises effecting corresponding changes to the information where such changes are necessitated by modification of the information.

7. (Previously Amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising a presentation component for displaying the captured data.

8. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 7, wherein the device for capturing data comprises a video camera, the video camera being operable to transmit images of the event display in real time to the repository such that such images are viewable by the event provider and the non-provider user.

9. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 7, wherein the presentation component includes a software interface to facilitate visual presentation of the captured data.

10. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 7, wherein the device for capturing data comprises a functionality component for capturing data at from a production site.

11. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 7, wherein the device for data comprises a functionality component for capturing data at from an event site.

12. (Previously Presented) An event management system for use in event coordinating, the system being accessible by an event provider and by a plurality of non-provider users and being accessible via a communication network, the non-provider users being from a group of event clients, vendors and suppliers, the system comprising:

a server accessible via the communications network;

a database having event management information, the database being associated with the server;

a digital interface to facilitate access to the database by a plurality of non-provider users;

a plurality of unique identification codes, each unique identification code permitting limited access to the event management information;

a record having all unique identification codes and a level of access corresponding to each unique identification code;

a restriction interface, the restriction interface being operable to receive a unique identification code, search the record for the unique identification code, verify the unique identification code, and limit access to the event management information according to the ascertained level of access;

a video camera for capturing detail pertinent to a production site and an event site, the video camera being operable to transmit images of the event display in real time to the server such that such images are viewable by the event provider and the non-provider user; and

a presentation interface for presenting the captured detail.

13. (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein the server further comprises a website server.

14. (Original) The system of claim 12, further comprising a plurality of access cards, each access card having a unique identification code.

15. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, wherein the presentation of the captured detail further comprises a multimedia presentation of the data.

16. (Original) The system of claim 12, further comprising a plurality of reports related to an event.

17. (Original) The system of claim 16, wherein the plurality of reports embody webpage formats.

18. (Original) The system of claim 12, further comprising an arrangement component for facilitating travel accommodations.

19. (Original) The system of claim 18, wherein the arrangement component embodies a webpage format.

20. (Original) The system of claim 12, further comprises a modification component for facilitating interrelated changes to the information in the database.

21. (Currently Amended) An event management system for use in event coordinating, the system being accessible by an event provider and by at least one non-provider users, the at least one non-provider user being from a group of event clients, vendors and suppliers, the system comprising:

a server;

a database associated with said server, the database having event management information, a first access and a second access, the first and second access including a digital interface that permits a provider and a plurality of non-provider users to access the database; and

a restriction component associated with the second access, the restriction component limiting access of the plurality of non-provider users to a defined portion of event management information in the database and including a plurality of unique identification codes, a record having all unique identification codes and a level of access corresponding to each unique identification code and a software interface, the software interface being operable to receive a unique identification code, search the record for the unique identification code, ascertain the level of access corresponding to the unique identification code and limit access to the information in the database according to the ascertained level of access; and

a device for capturing data and operable to communicate with the server, said device being operable to be positioned at a remote location ~~and to~~ capture data concerning that location and transmit the captured data to the server.

22. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 21, wherein the server further comprises a website server.

23. (Previously Amended) The system of claim 21, further comprising a presentation component for displaying the captured data.

24. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 23, wherein the device for capturing data comprises a video camera, the video camera being operable to transmit images of the event display in real time to the server such that such images are viewable by the event provider and the non-provider user.

25. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the device for capturing data comprises a camera, the camera being operable to transmit images of the event display to the repository such that such images are viewable by the event provider and the non-provider user.

26. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 25, wherein the camera comprises a video camera, the video camera being operable to transmit images of the event display in real time to the repository such that such images are viewable by the event provider and the non-provider user.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1 and 4-26 are allowable in light of the applicants' arguments and in light of the prior art made of record.

Reasons for Indicating Allowable Subject Matter

5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Upon searching a variety of databases, the examiner respectfully submits that -- a repository having information associated with event management, the repository including a database and having a first access permitting direct access to the repository by only an event provider and a second access permitting limited access to the repository by a non-provider user, said second access including a first digital interface permitting access to the repository by said non-provider user and a restriction component limiting access of said non-provider user to a defined portion of information in the repository, the restriction component including a plurality of unique identification codes, a record having all unique identification codes and a level of access corresponding to each unique identification code and a software interface, the software interface being operable to receive one unique identification code, search the record for the unique identification code, ascertain the level of access corresponding to the unique identification code and limiting access to the information in the database according to the ascertained level of access-- in conjunction with all other limitations of the dependent claims not taught nor suggested by the prior art of record (PTO-892 and 1449). Therefore, all pending claims 1 and 4-26 is hereby allowed.

Since allowable subject matter has been indicated, applicant is encouraged to submit formal drawings in response to this Office action, only if formal drawings have not yet submitted. The early submission of formal drawings will permit the Office to review the drawings for acceptability and to resolve any informalities remaining therein before the application is passed to issue. This will avoid possible delays in the issue process.

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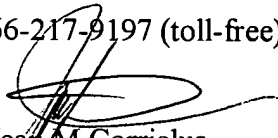
Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance".

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jean M. Corrielus whose telephone number is (571) 272-4032. The examiner can normally be reached on 10 hours shift.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Breene can be reached on (571) 272-4107. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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